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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed for and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SHEET COMBINING DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR COMBINING SHEETS

the specification of which:

[ ]   is attached hereto

[ ]   was filed on _____ as

Application Serial No. _____

and was amended on _____
(If applicable)

[X]   was described and claimed in PCT International application

No. ___PCT/DE03/03993___ filed on ___December 5, 2003___

and as amended under PCT Article 19 on ___June 17, 2004___ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

[X]   In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR § 1.97.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent of inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

[ ]   no such applications have been filed
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Prior Foreign Application(s)

10259655.7	Germany	18/12/2002	[X]	[ ]
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/month/year filed)	Yes	No

10321021.0	Germany	10/5/2003	[X]	[ ]
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10325226.6	Germany	04/6/2003	[X]	[ ]
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